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Rana Sanga, the ruler of Mewar, had his eyes set on the throne of Delhi. However, the rising Mughal star Babur got rid of the Lodhi Sultan of Delhi. Thus the stage was set for the confrontation between the formidable Rana and an equally determined Babur who had just found a new home for his men – Hindustan.

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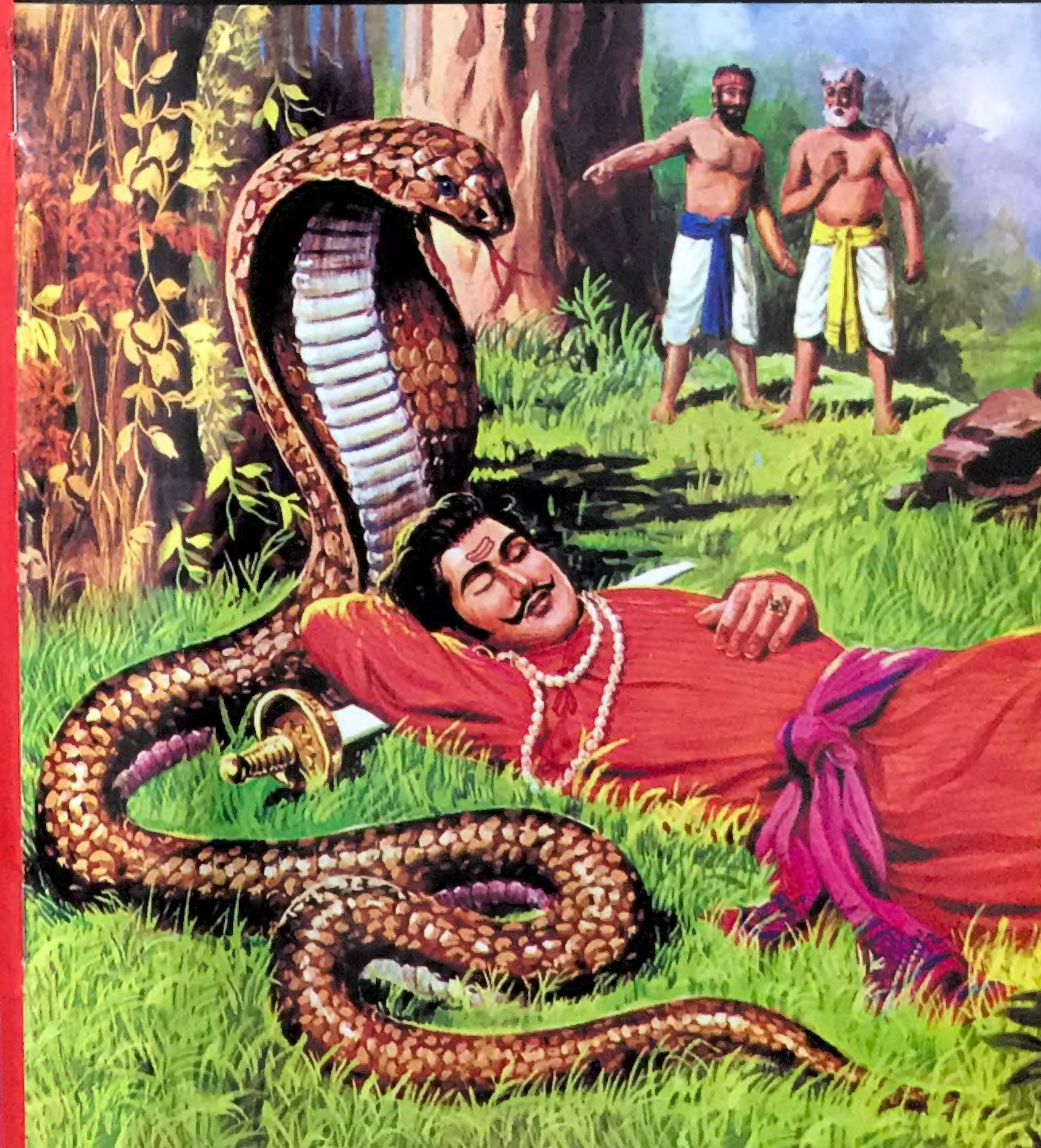
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RANA RAIMAL, WHO RULED MEWAR IN THE EARLY HALF OF THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY, WAS A VALIANT KING WHO UPHELD THE GLORIOUS TRADITIONS OF HIS LAND. HIS THREE SONS, SANGA, PRITHVIRAJ AND JAIMAL, HOWEVER, WERE FOR EVER INVOLVED IN PETTY QUARRELS WITH ONE ANOTHER.



THE DISUNITY OF OUR SONS WILL BE THE RUIN OF OUR KINGDOM.

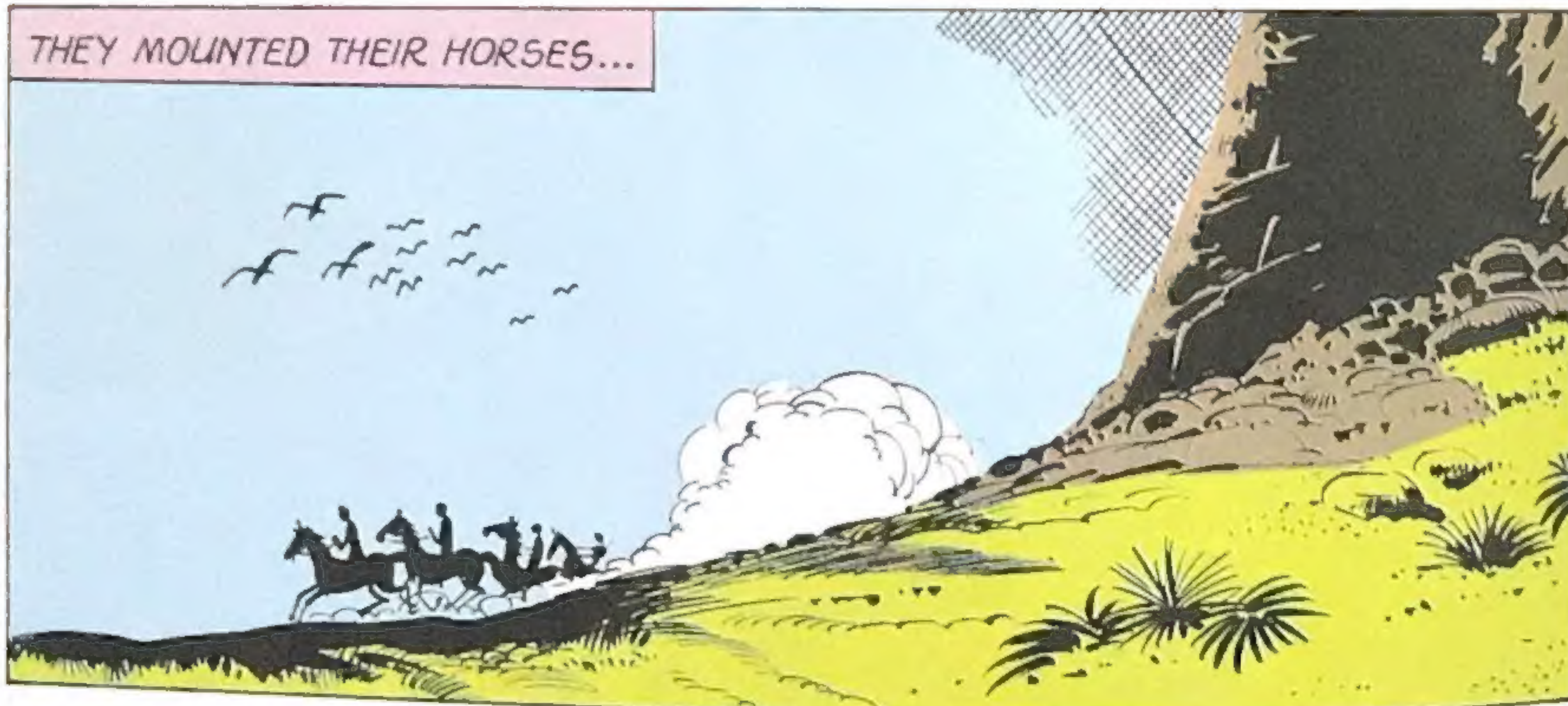
BUT WHY DO THEY QUARREL SO?



AS SANGA WAS ABOUT TO REPLY—

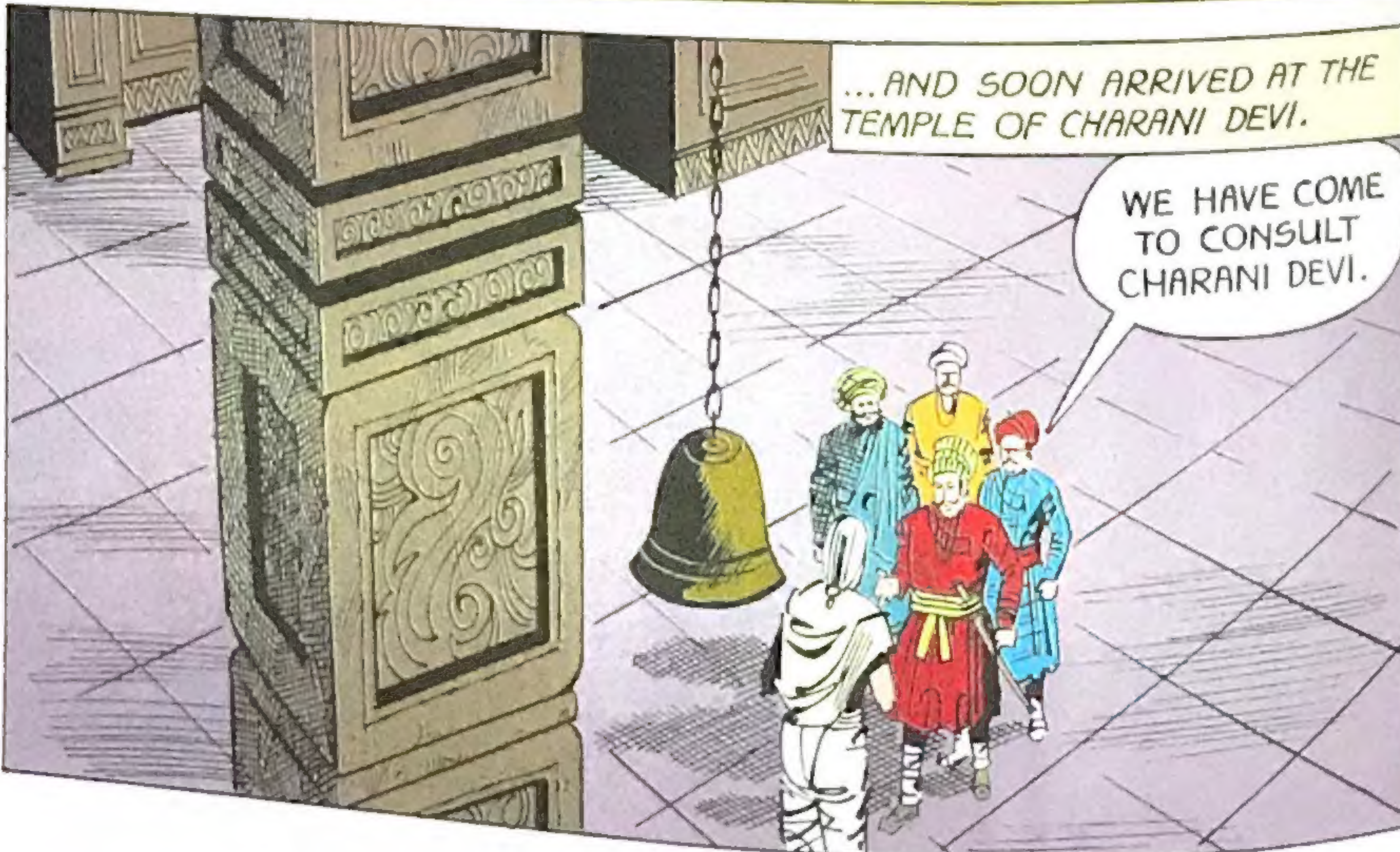
LET THE ORACLE, CHARANI DEVI, GUIDE US. HER PREDICTIONS NEVER GO WRONG.

THEY MOUNTED THEIR HORSES...



...AND SOON ARRIVED AT THE TEMPLE OF CHARANI DEVI.

WE HAVE COME TO CONSULT CHARANI DEVI.



WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

WE'D LIKE TO KNOW WHICH OF US IS DESTINED TO RULE MEWAR.

PLEASE SIT DOWN. I WILL PUT THE QUESTION TO THE DEVI. SHE WILL GIVE YOU THE ANSWER THROUGH HER ATTENDANT.



SANGA, IF THE PREDICTION IS NOT IN YOUR FAVOUR, WHAT WILL YOU DO?

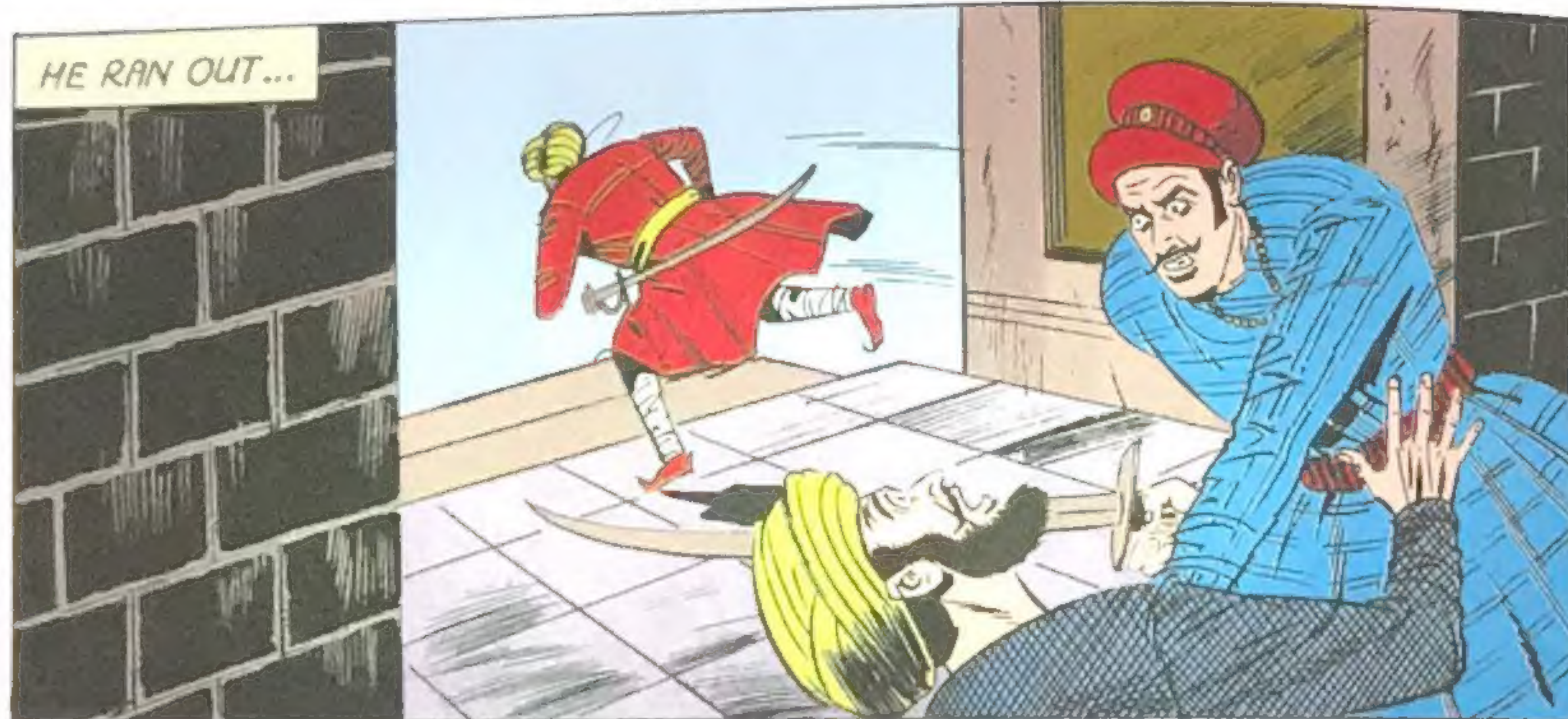
THE CALM AND PEACE OF THE TEMPLE HAD A STRANGE EFFECT ON SANGA. HE NO LONGER WANTED TO FIGHT WITH HIS BROTHERS.

I WILL GO AWAY AND ESTABLISH A NEW KINGDOM ELSEWHERE, IF MEWAR IS NOT DESTINED TO BE MINE.

AND IF IT IS, YOU WILL HAVE TO KILL ME FIRST.









SANGA, STOP!
I SAY STOP.



AT THAT MOMENT, VEEDA, A TRADESMAN WHO WAS PREPARING TO GO OUT OF MEWAR, WAS TAKING LEAVE OF HIS FAMILY. SUDDENLY—

THE PRINCES! THEY ARE COMING THIS WAY.



A FEW SECONDS LATER, UNABLE TO RIDE FURTHER, SANGA CAME TO A HALT IN FRONT OF VEEDA.

PRINCE SANGA!
YOU ARE BADLY WOUNDED!



VEEDA HELPED SANGA DISMOUNT AND TURNED TO HIS WIFE—

QUICK! LEAD HIM TO MY HORSE, WHICH IS TIED BEHIND THE HOUSE. I'LL HANDLE JAIMAL.



A FEW SECONDS AFTER VEEDA'S WIFE LED SANGA AWAY, JAIMAL RODE UP.

WHERE IS SANGA?

I'LL GIVE UP MY LIFE BUT I'LL NEVER TELL YOU.

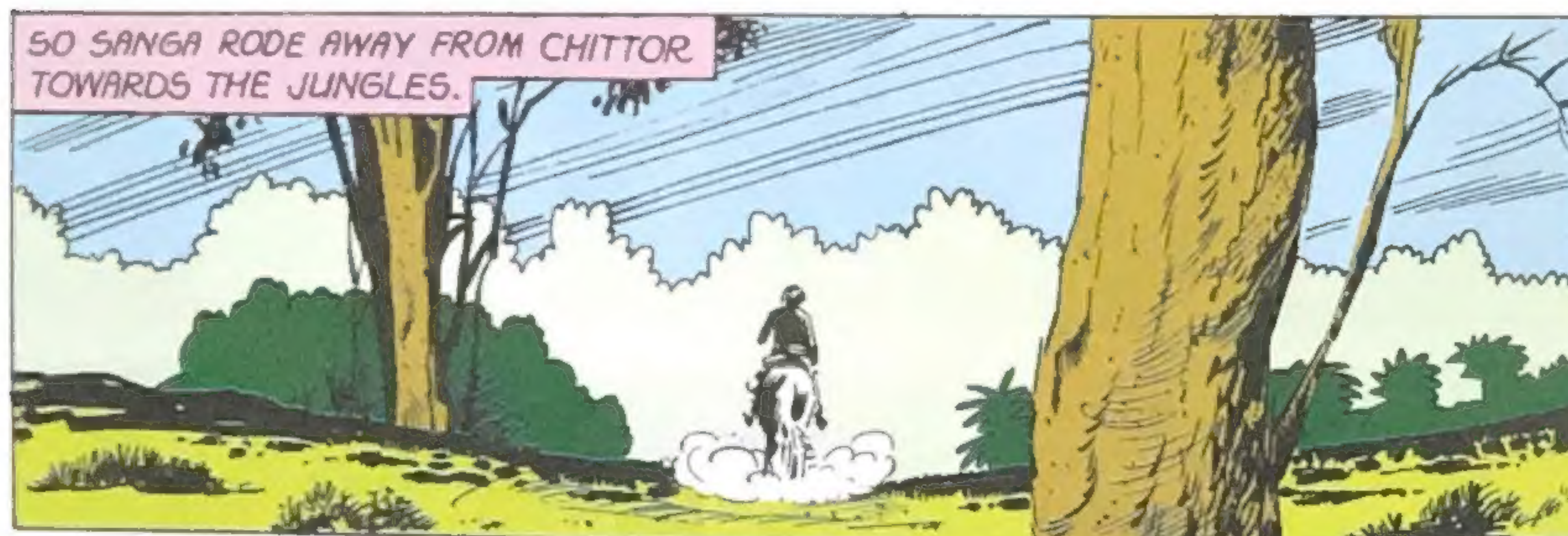
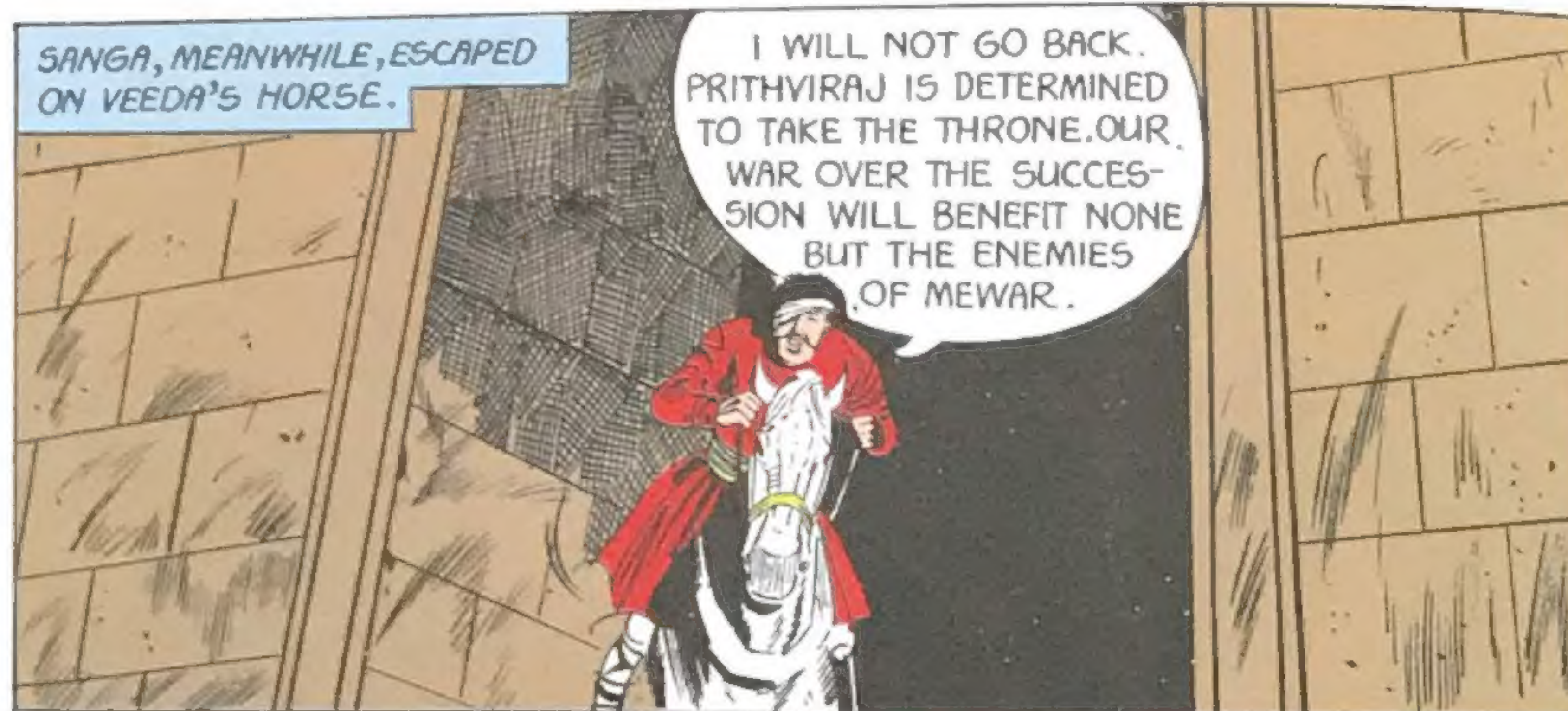


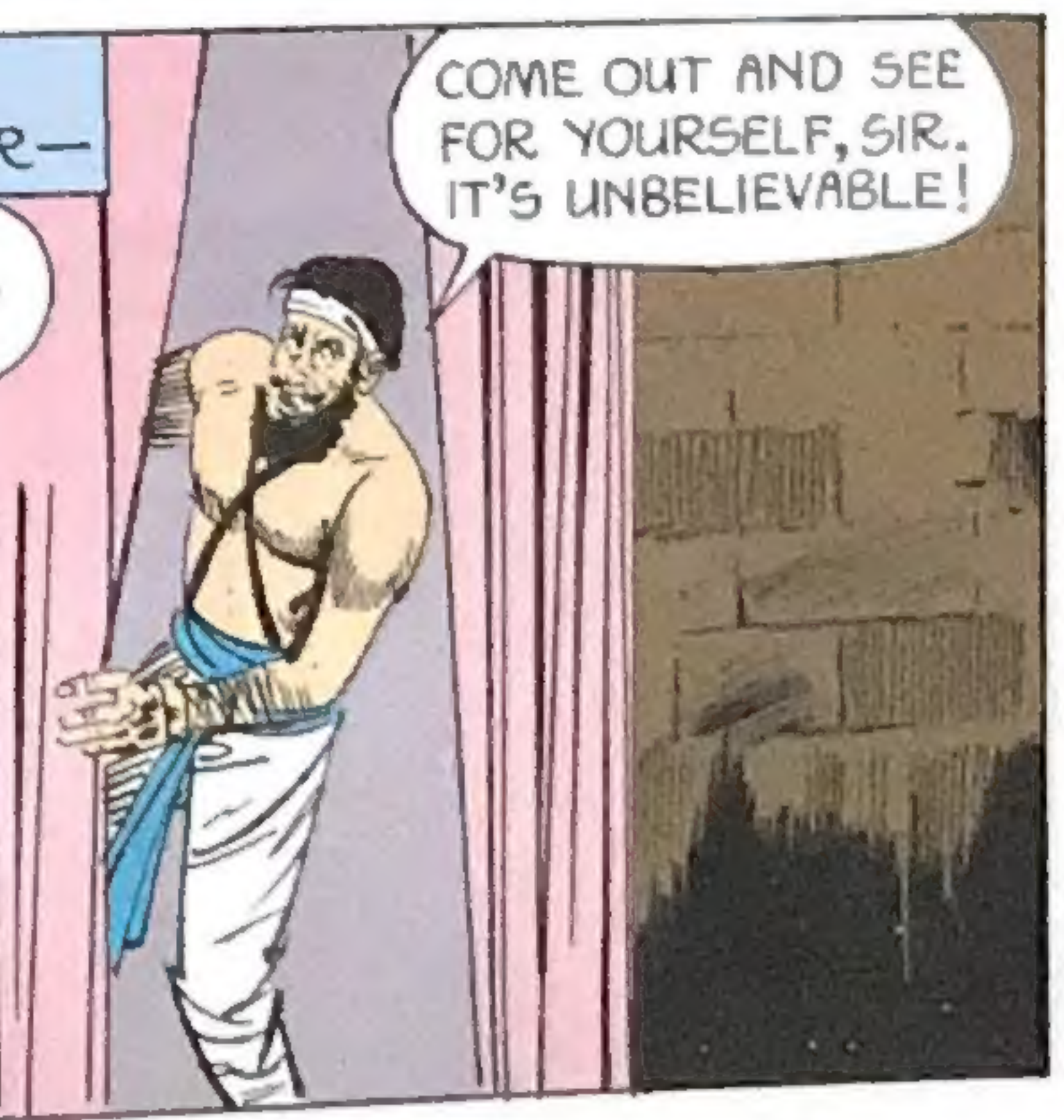
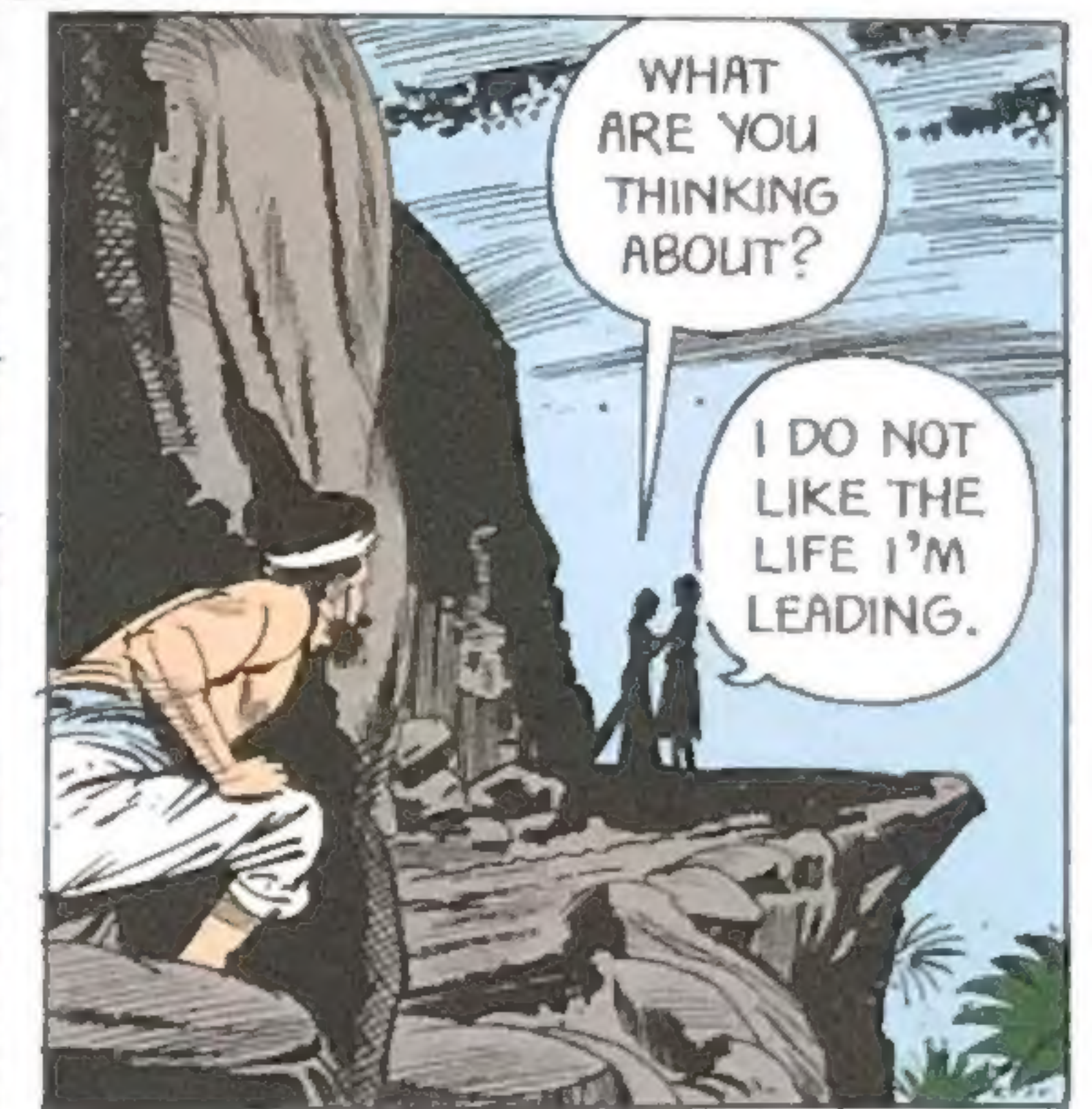
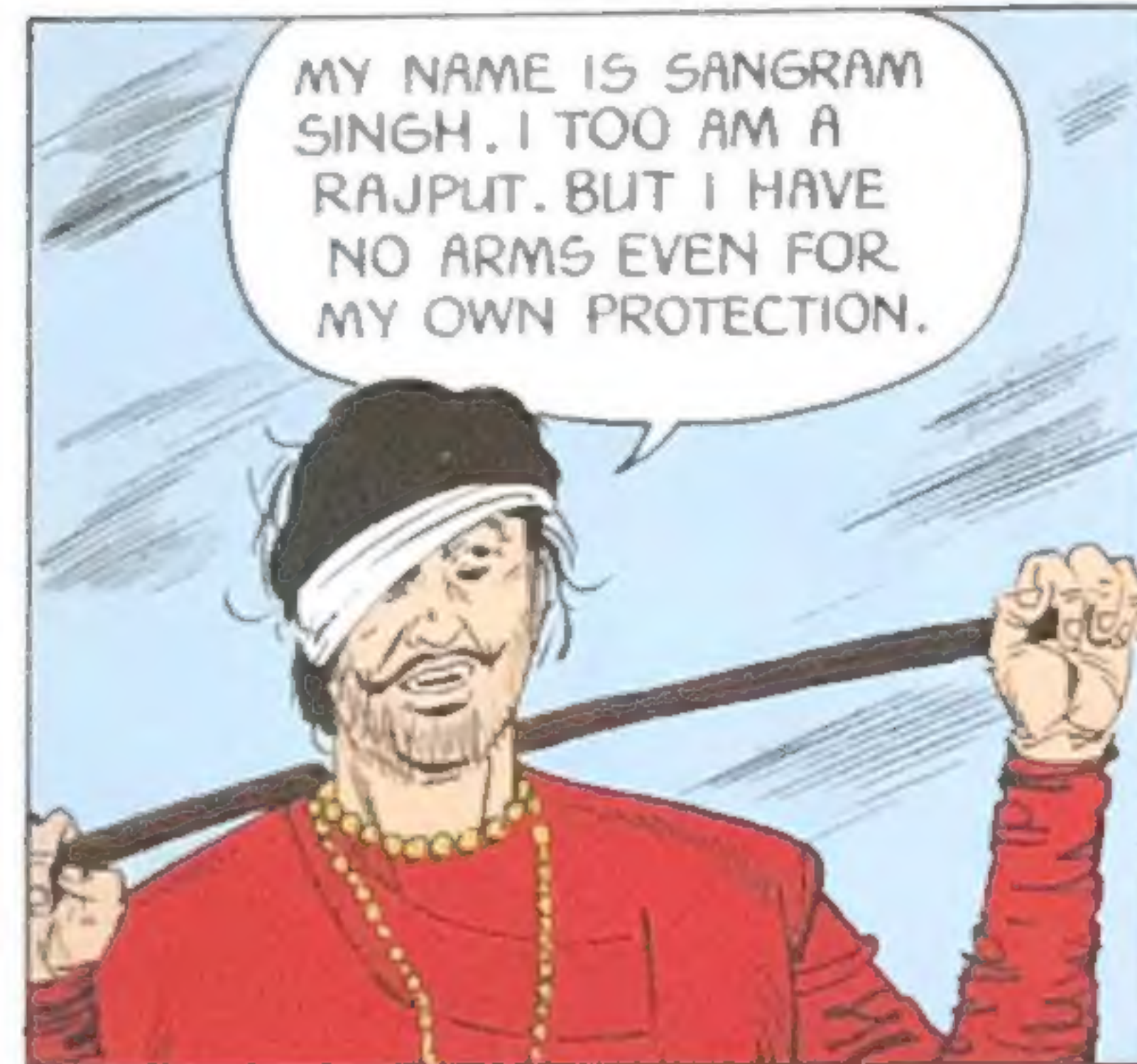
ENRAGED, JAIMAL DREW HIS SWORD AND ATTACKED VEEDA.

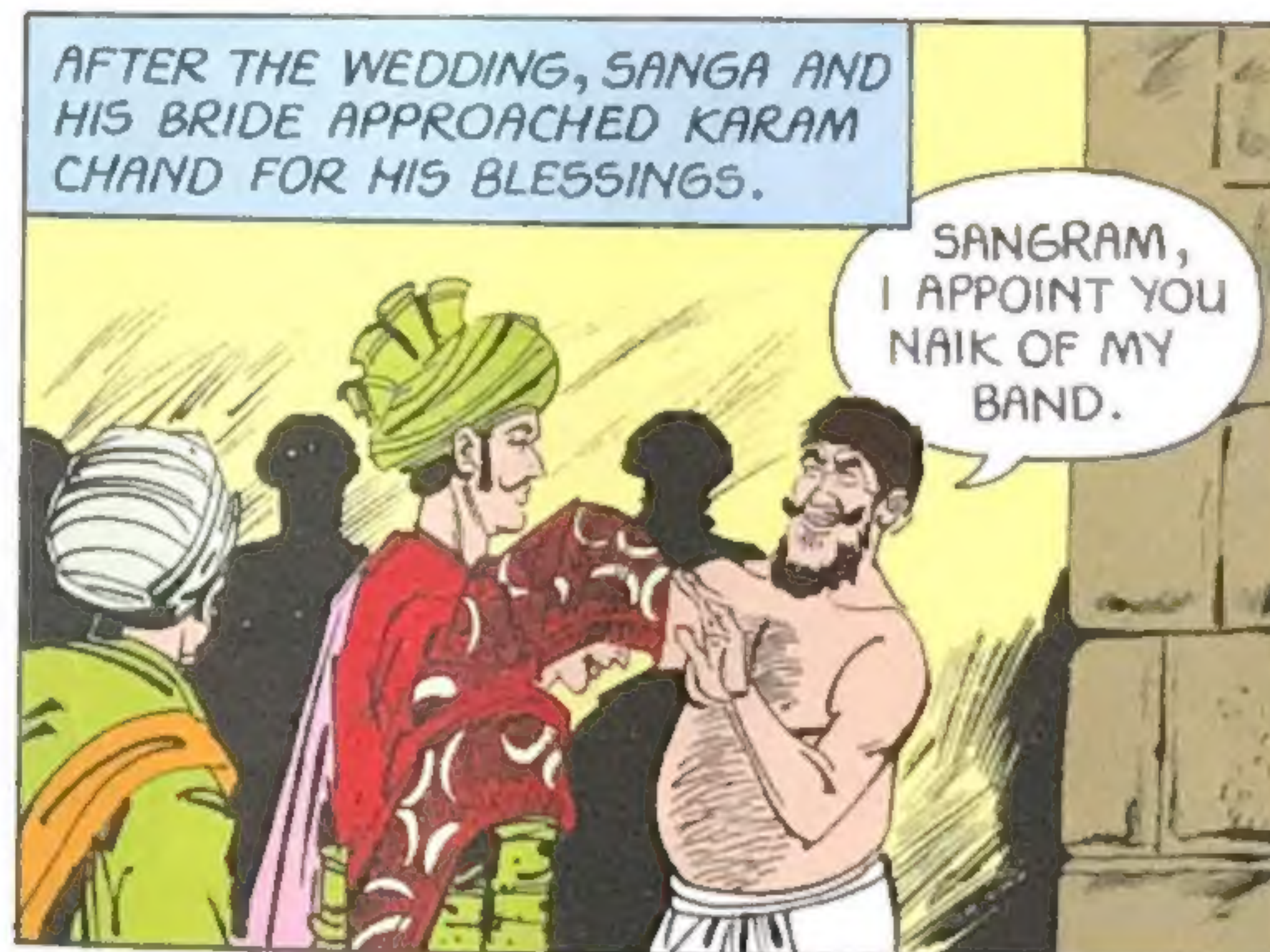
THIS SHOULD GIVE PRINCE SANGA ENOUGH TIME TO GET AWAY.

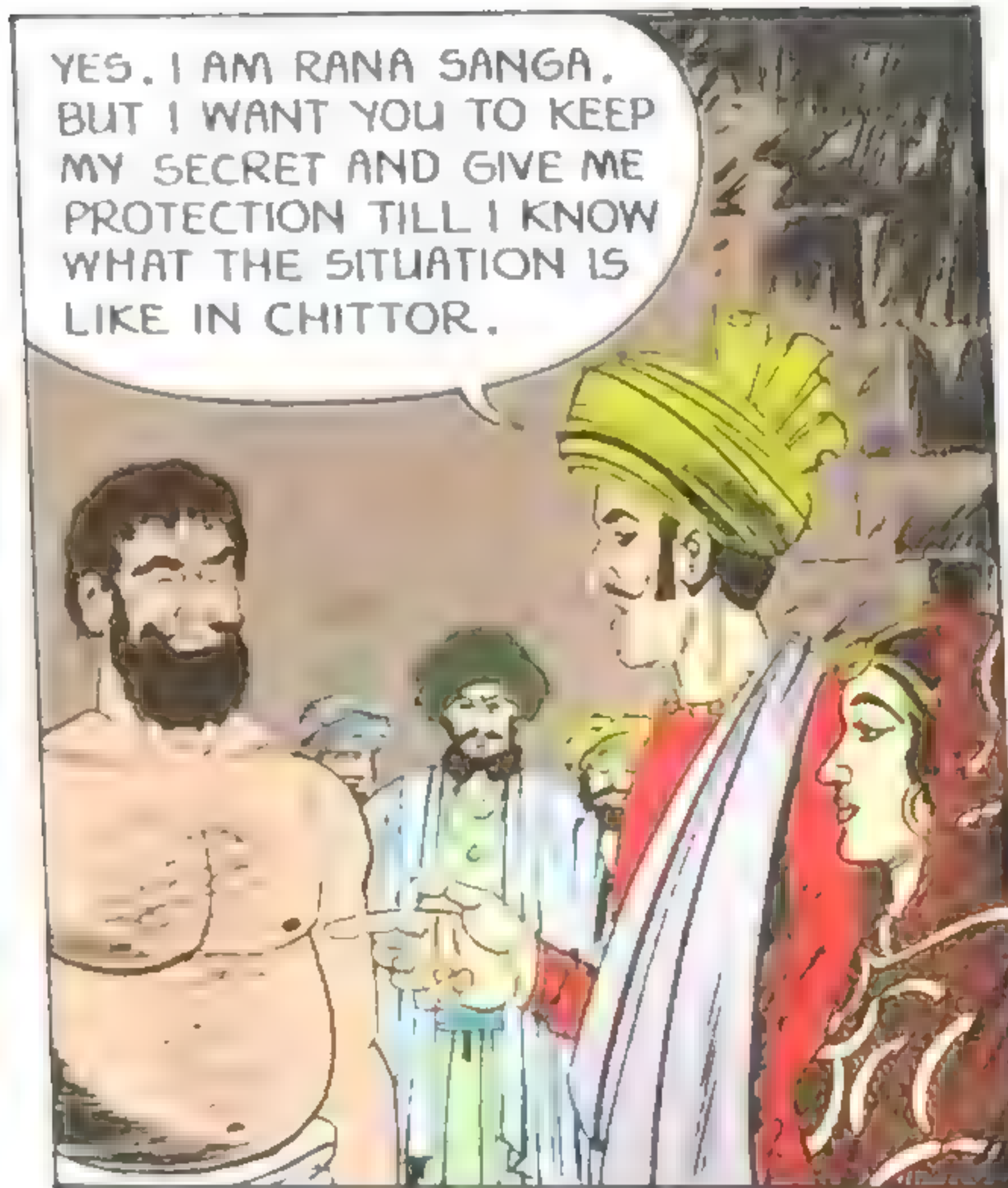


VEEDA STOPPED JAIMAL BUT AT THE COST OF HIS LIFE.

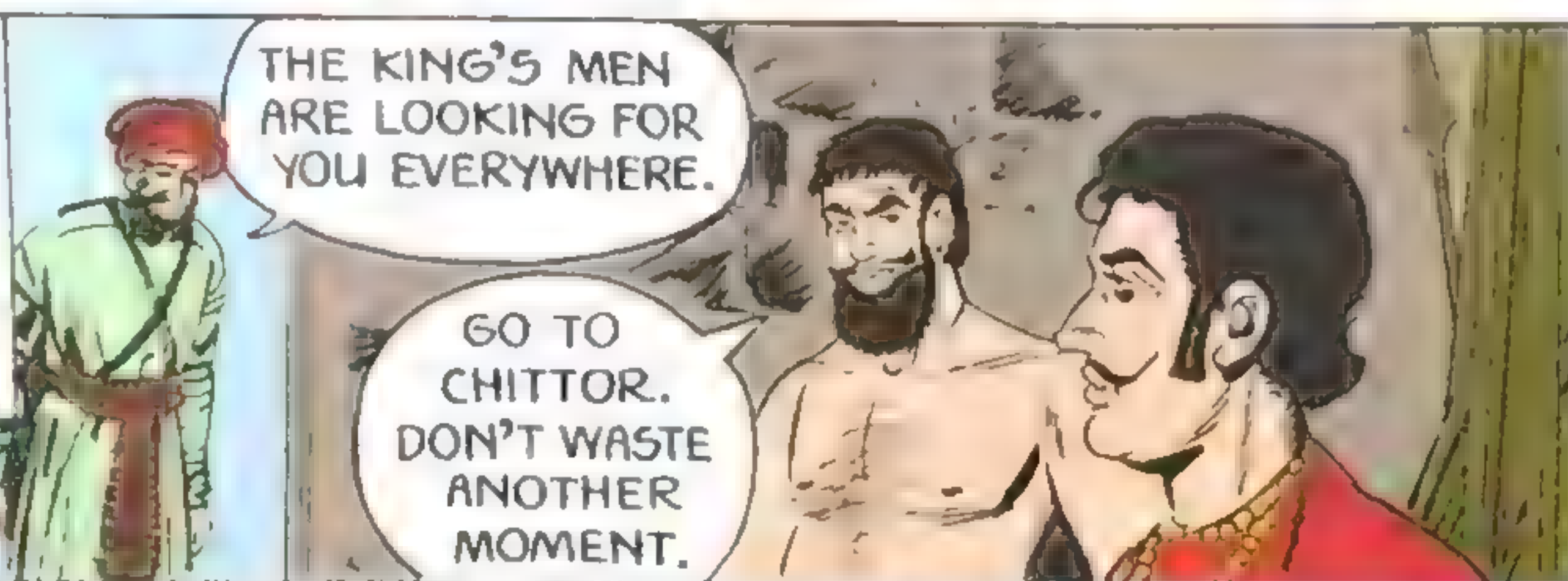








THE MESSENGER RETURNED WITH INTERESTING NEWS. SANGA'S BAD DAYS WERE OVER. PRITH-VIRAJ AND JAIMAL WERE NO MORE.



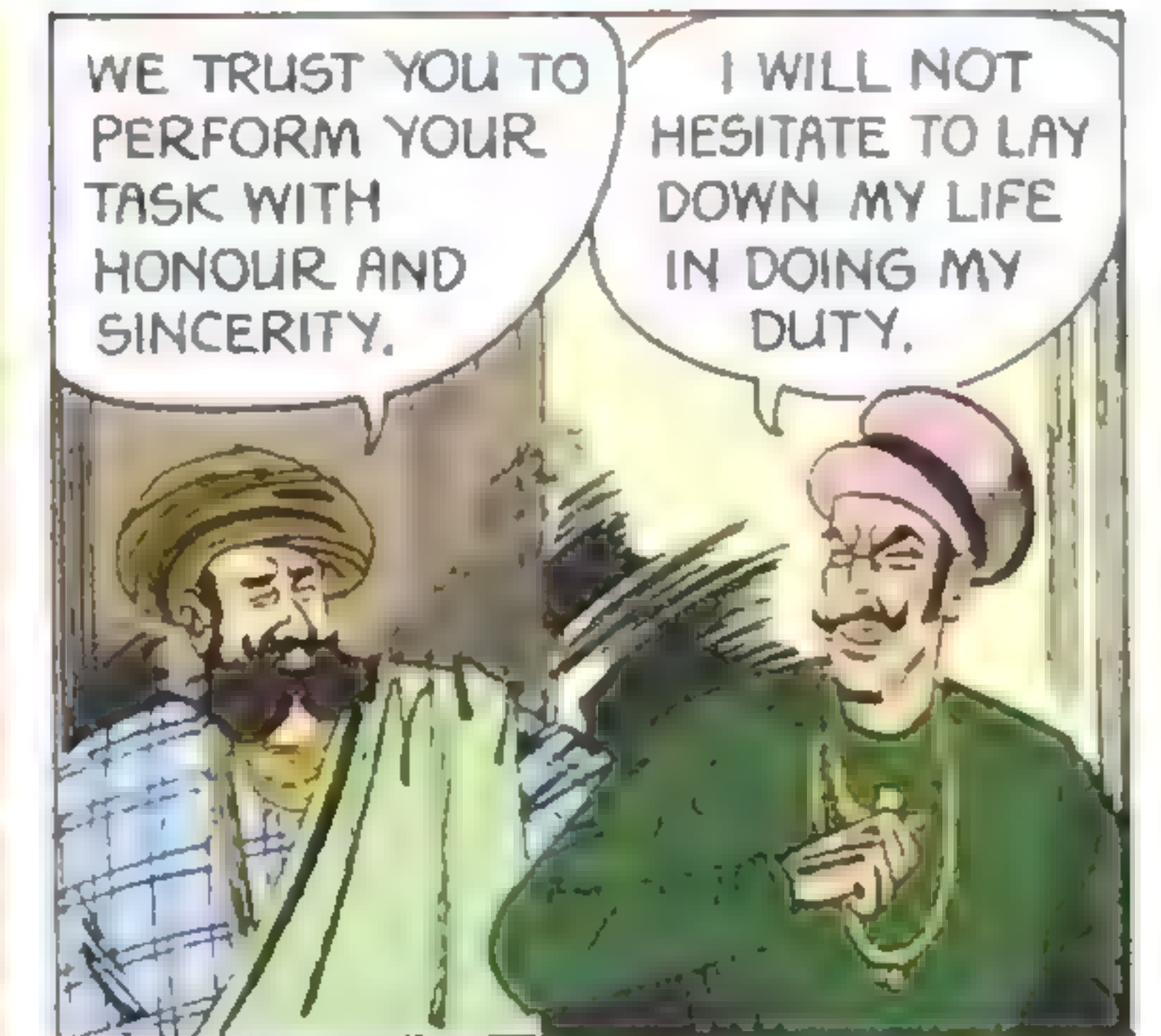
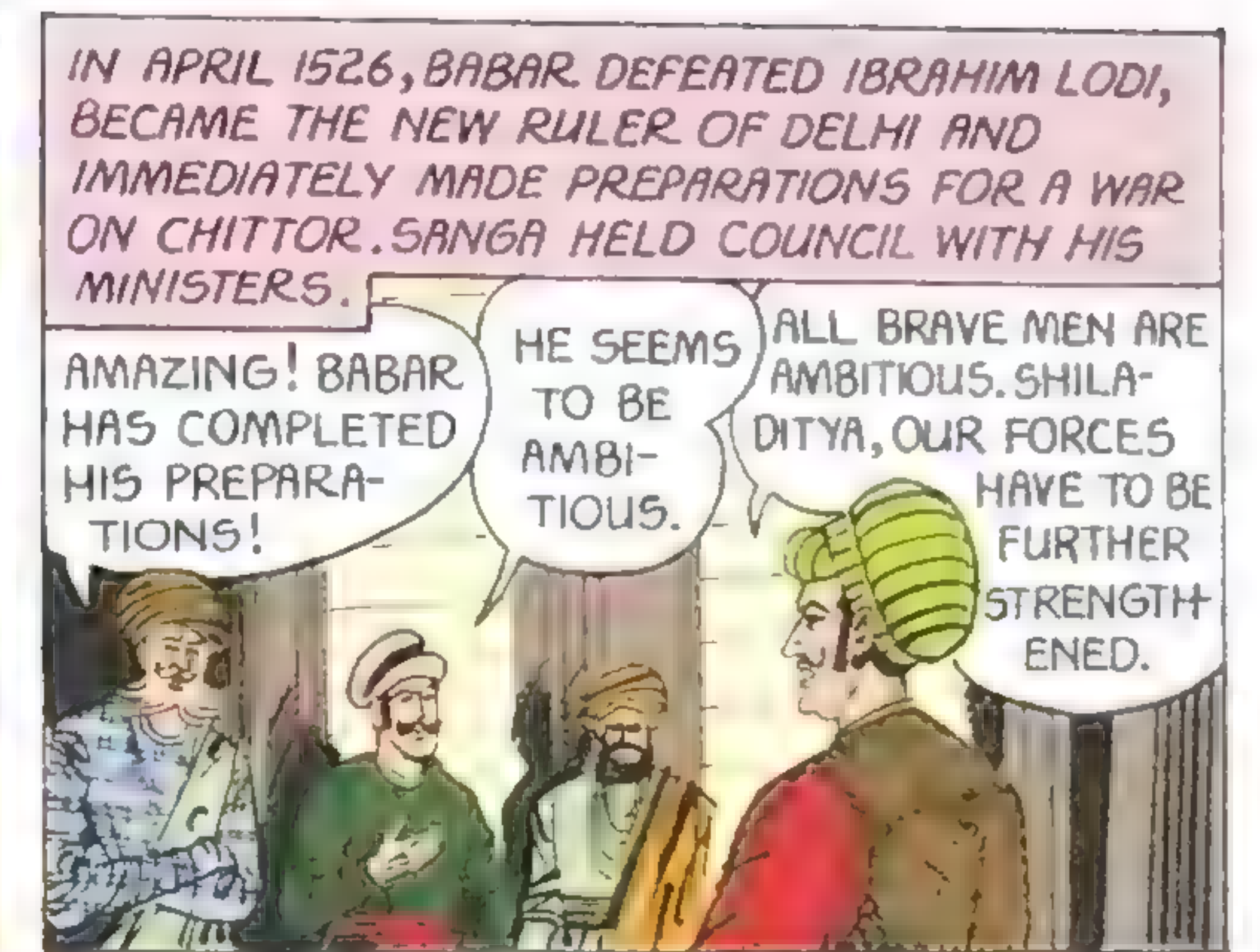
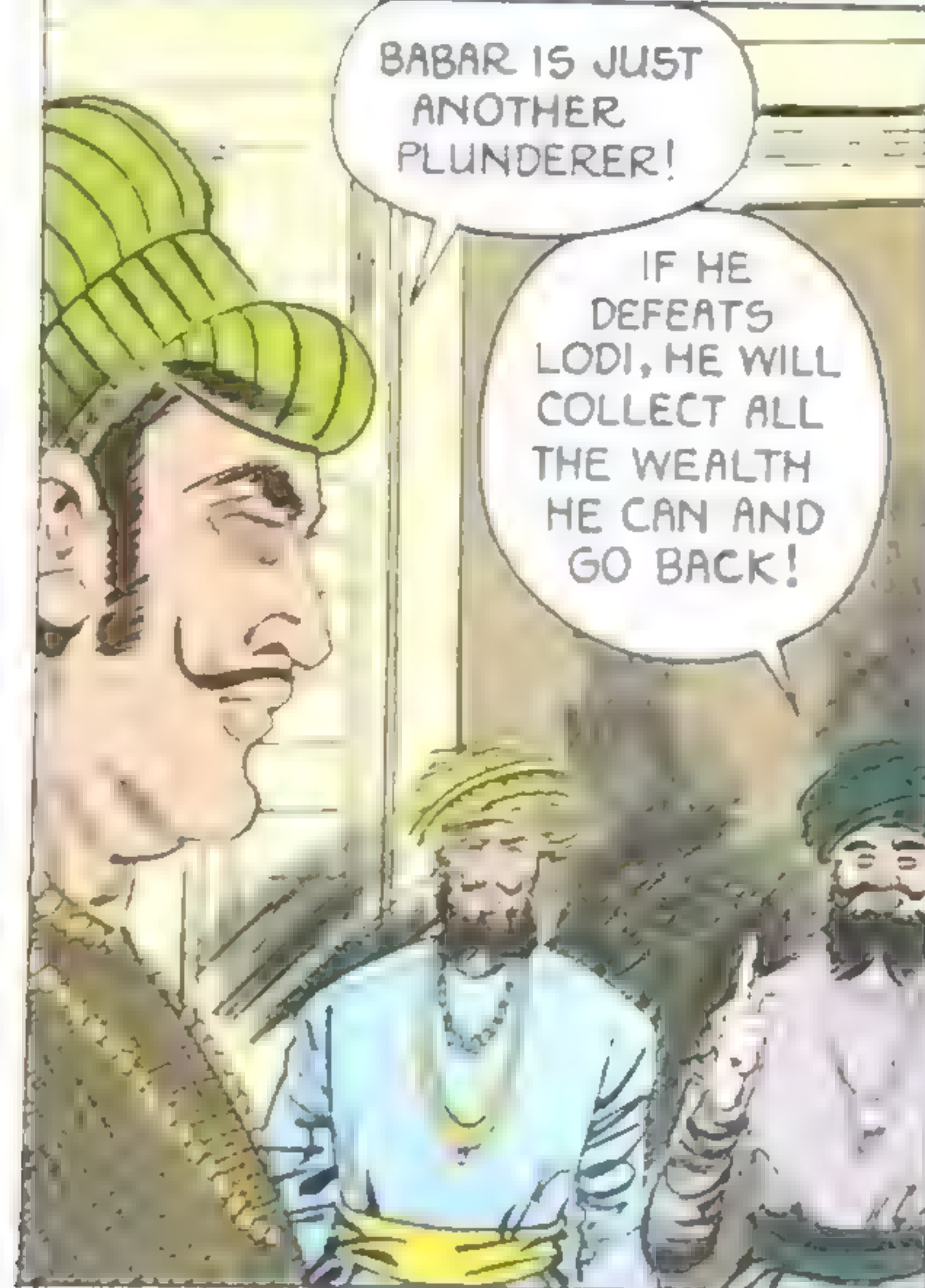
SOON AFTERWARDS, RAIMAL DIED AND SANGA BECAME KING. WITHIN A FEW YEARS, MEWAR REACHED THE SUMMIT OF PROSPERITY. ONE DAY AT COURT—







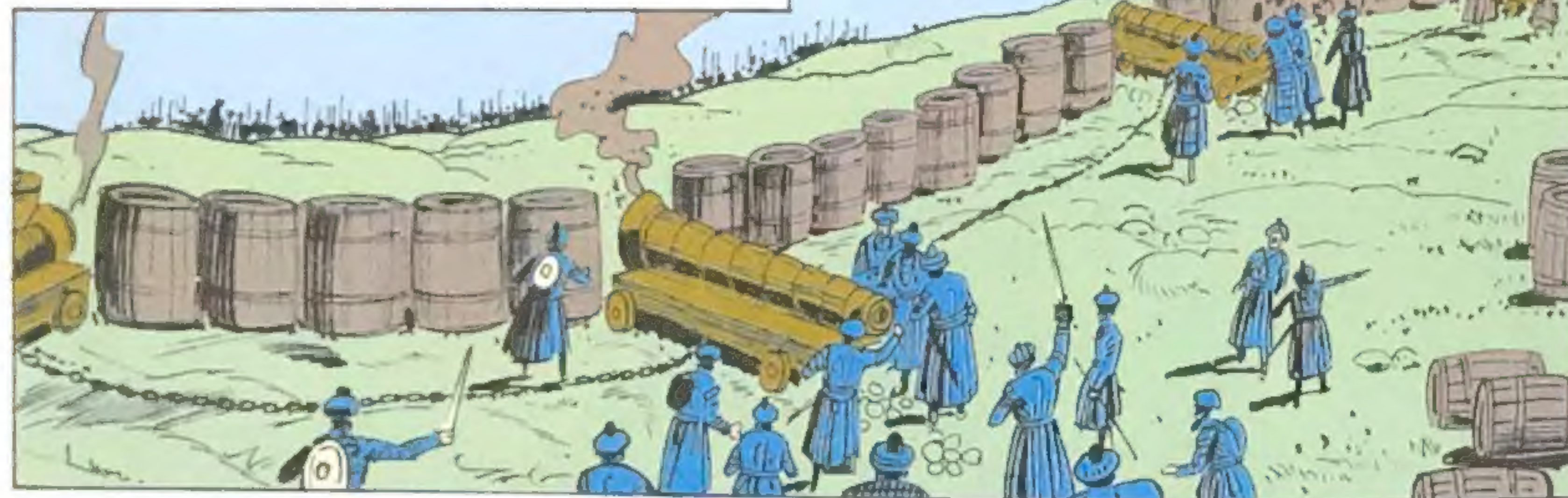
KHLJI HAD TO CEDE FOUR PROVINCES—BHILSA, SARANGPUR, CHANDERI AND RANTHAMBOR—BEFORE SANGA RELEASED HIM. MEANWHILE, BABAR HAD INVADDED DELHI.





LET US TEST THE METTLE OF THIS MAN WHO HAS ONLY ONE EYE AND ONE ARM.

IN MARCH 1527, BABAR ATTACKED. THE FORCES OF RANA SANGA AND BABAR MET IN THE BATTLEFIELD OF KHANWA.



BABAR'S ADVANCE OF ABOUT 1500 MEN WAS CUT TO PIECES.



REINFORCEMENTS WERE SENT BUT THEY TOO MADE A HURRIED RETREAT.

JAHANPANA, OUR SOLDIERS HAVE ALREADY LOST HEART.



I WILL SPEAK TO THEM.

BABAR ORDERED THE DESTRUCTION OF ALL WINE FLASKS.



I VOW NEVER TO DRINK WINE AGAIN.

THEN HE MADE A STIRRING SPEECH BEFORE HIS SOLDIERS.



...BY THE HOLY KORAN, VICTORY WILL BE OURS.



I HOPE I DO NOT HAVE TO SUE FOR PEACE.

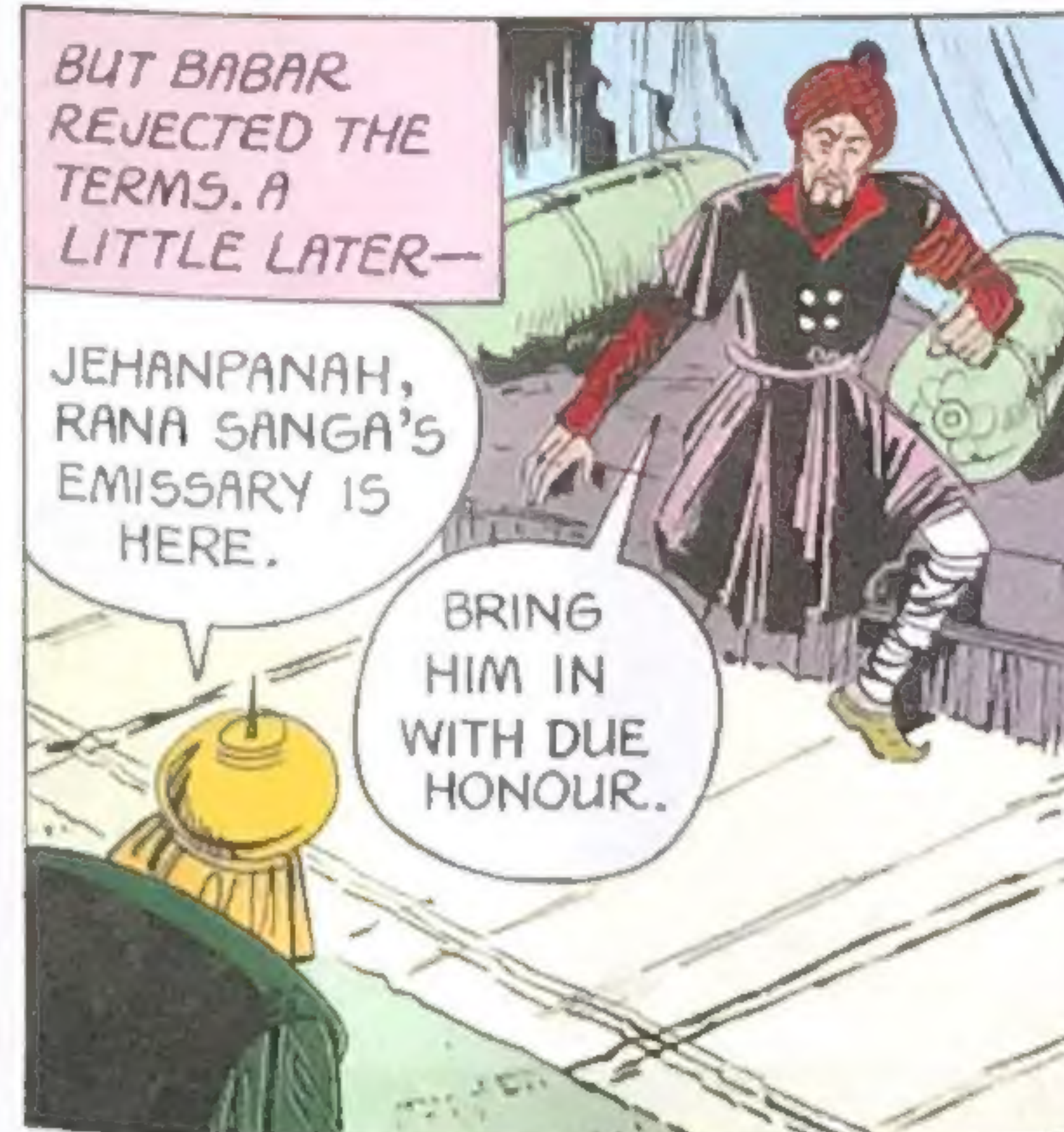
ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE BATTLE, HOWEVER, BABAR SENT HIS EMISSARY TO RANA SANGA.



WE WILL ACCEPT BABAR'S PEACE PROPOSAL—ON OUR TERMS.

BUT BABAR REJECTED THE TERMS. A LITTLE LATER—

JEHANPANA, RANA SANGA'S EMISSARY IS HERE.



BRING HIM IN WITH DUE HONOUR.

ACCEPT OUR TERMS. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DEFEAT SANGA'S ARMY.



YOU CAN MAKE IT POSSIBLE.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

IF WE JOIN HANDS, WE CAN BOTH GET WHAT WE WANT!



YOU MEAN YOU WIN THE WAR.

AND YOU GET CHITTOR!



GREED GOT THE BETTER OF SHILADITYA.

YOU WON'T GO BACK ON YOUR WORD, WILL YOU?

ON THE HOLY KORAN—I WILL NOT.

AS SOON AS SHILADITYA RETURNED TO HIS CAMP—



THE RANA HAS BEEN ASKING FOR YOU.

I'LL GO TO HIM.

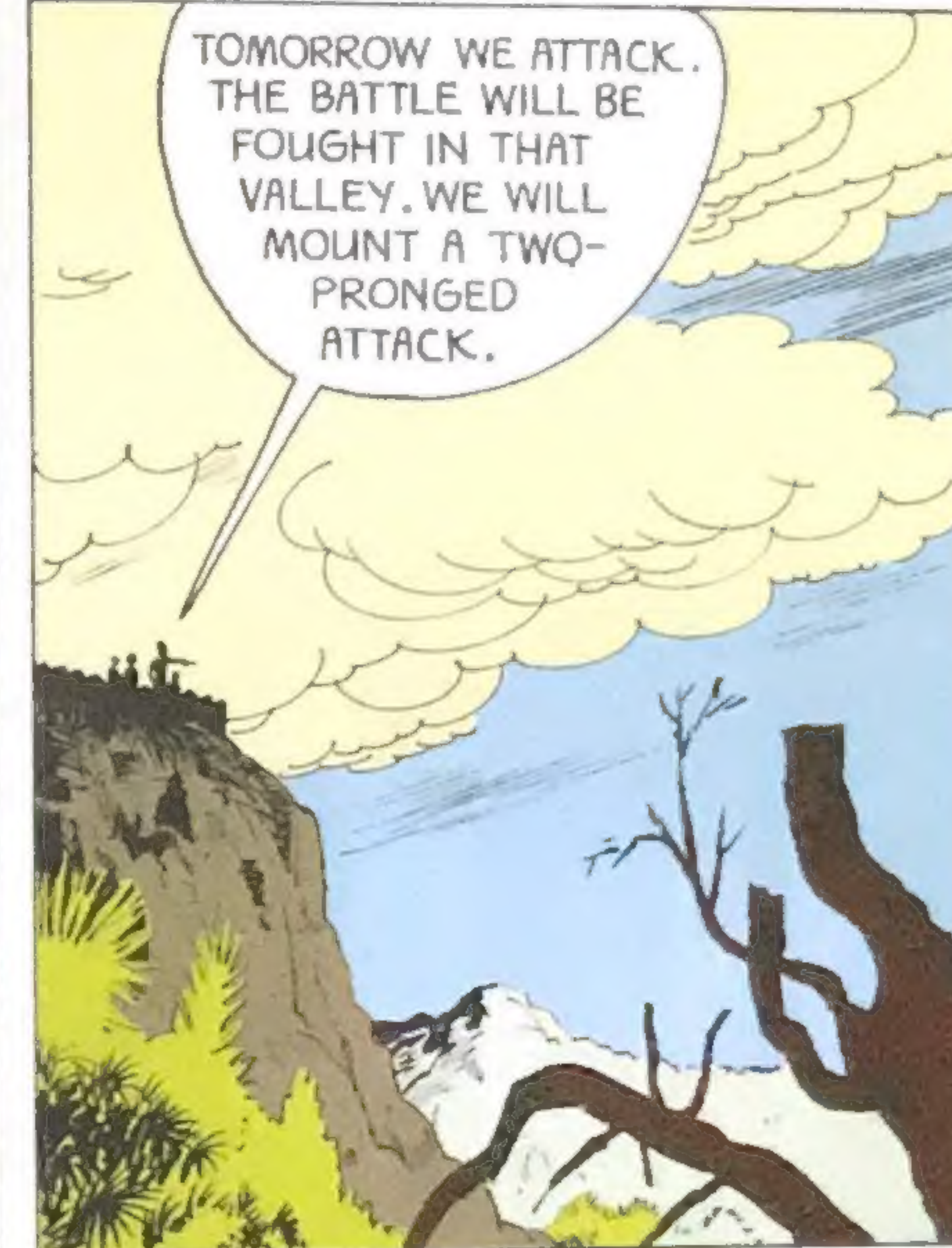
IS MY SECRET ALREADY KNOWN?



PARDON ME, MAHARAJ—I WAS DELAYED.

EVERY PASSING MOMENT IS PRECIOUS!

BABAR HAS REJECTED OUR TERMS.



TOMORROW WE ATTACK. THE BATTLE WILL BE FOUGHT IN THAT VALLEY. WE WILL MOUNT A TWO-PRONGED ATTACK.



THERE OUR ARMY WILL FIGHT THE ENEMY FACE TO FACE; AND WE WILL ATTACK THE REAR-GUARD FROM THAT HILL.

OUR FRONTAL ATTACK MUST BE STRONG OTHERWISE THE ENEMY WILL MARCH STRAIGHT TO CHITTOR.

